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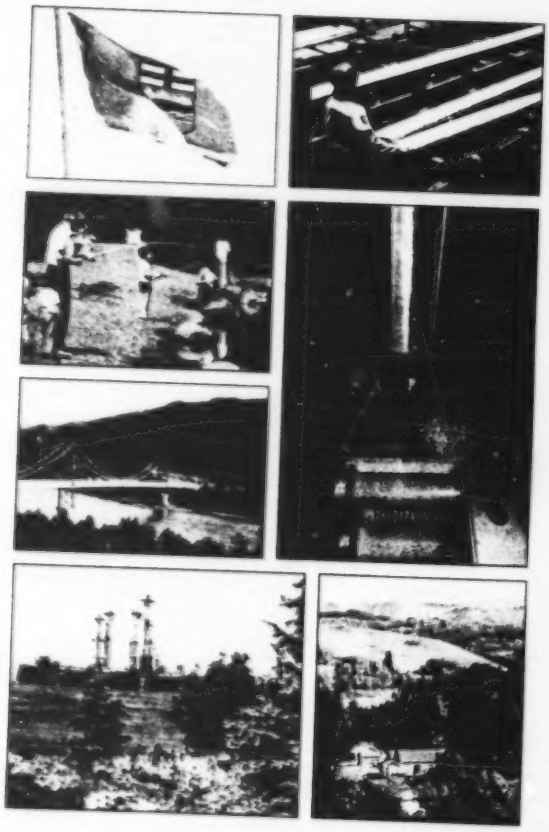

Alberta

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THE GOVERNMENT

Lieutenant-Governor: Honourable Gordon Towers
Premier: Honourable Don R. Getty

Alberta became a province of Canada in 1905. Legislative authority is granted to the Legislative Assembly which currently has 83 elected members. The Lieutenant-Governor and the Assembly make up the Legislature - the body responsible for making laws in the province. The present government is formed by the Progressive Conservative Party led by Hon. Don R. Getty.

Standings according to parties are:

Progressive Conservative	59
New Democrat (Official Opposition)	16
Liberal	8

Government Finance — 1991/92 (e)

	$ Millions
Budgetary Revenue	12,618
Budgetary Expenditure	12,585
Budgetary Surplus	33

THE PEOPLE

Population — April 1 ('000)

	1989	1990	1991
Alberta	2,418.4	2,461.1	2,513.1
Annual Growth Rate (%)	1.5	1.8	2.1

In 1991, the population density was 3.8 persons per square kilometre. Just over 9% of Canada's population resides in Alberta.

Broad Age Groups — April 1, 1991 ('000)

Age	Male	Female	Total
0 - 14	304.1	289.1	593.2
15 - 44	637.3	621.0	1,258.3
45 - 64	220.2	214.3	434.5
65 & Over	98.3	128.9	227.2
TOTAL	1,259.9	1,253.3	2,513.1

Urban & Rural Distribution of Population (%)

	1981	1986
Urban	77.2	79.4
Rural	22.8	20.6
	100.0	100.0

Population of Alberta Cities -- June 30

	1985	1990
Airdrie	10,431	11,904
Calgary (Proper)	625,143	692,885
Camrose	12,751	12,968
Drumheller	6,671	6,366
* Edmonton (Proper)	560,085	605,538
Fort McMurray	36,810	33,698
Fort Saskatchewan	12,474	11,753
Grande Prairie	25,056	27,558
Leduc	12,926	13,566
Lethbridge	59,901	60,614
Lloydminster (Alta. portion)	10,557	10,201
Lloydminster (Sask. portion)	6,721	7,317
Medicine Hat	41,717	42,929
Red Deer	52,620	56,922
Spruce Grove	11,569	12,403
St. Albert	35,897	40,707
Wetaskiwin	10,022	10,203

* Capital of Alberta

Families by Type (No.)

	1981	1986
Husband-Wife	508,715	543,465
Lone-Parent	56,920	72,860
TOTAL	565,635	616,320
Average No. of Children Per Family	1.4	1.3
Average No. of Persons Per Family	3.3	3.2

Vital Statistics — 1990 (p)

	No.	Rate*
Births	43,370	17.5
Deaths	13,970	5.6
Marriages	20,130	8.1

* Per 1,000 Population

COMMUNICATION

	1991
Telephone Subscriber Lines in Service	1,431,280
T.V. Stations	
Originating	15
Rebroadcasting	103
A.M. & F.M. Radio Stations	
Originating	62
Rebroadcasting	111
Daily Newspapers	9
Weekly Newspapers	130

HEALTH & EDUCATION

Health Care Facilities — 1990

	No.
Public General Hospitals	126
Federal General Hospitals	2
Mental Health Hospitals	2
Auxiliary Hospitals*	38
Nursing Homes	92

* Auxiliary hospital beds are also present in 43 of the Public General Hospitals.

Educational Institutions — 1989/90

	No.	Full-Time Enrolment
Public & Separate Schools (Grades 1-12)	1,537	441,725
Private Schools	162	13,949
Public Colleges	11	20,066
Technical Institutes	3	11,307
Universities	5	57,557
Vocational Centres	4	18,127
Private Colleges	4	2,253
Private Vocational Schools	98	12,621
Hospital-Based Schools of Nursing	6	1,505

Graduates by Level — 1989/90

	No.
Secondary Schools	26,243
Public Colleges	4,661 (e)
Technical Institutes	4,405
Hospital-Based Schools of Nursing	457
Bachelor's & First Professional Degrees	8,222
University Certificates & Diplomas	315
Master's Degrees	1,162
Doctorates	313

TRANSPORTATION

Major Airlines

Currently served by Canadian Airlines International, Air Canada, Delta Air Lines, America West, Lufthansa Airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines, KLM Airlines, Northwest Territorial Airways, Air BC and Time Air. These airlines serve major Alberta cities, providing regularly scheduled flights to points in Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Railways — 1991

The two main railway systems, Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway, have a total trackage of 10,340 kilometres. Bulk commodities moved include wheat and other grains, coal, sulphur, petrochemicals and timber products.

Highways and Roads — 1991

There are currently 154,864 kilometres of highways and roads, of which 22,568 are paved, 110,500 are gravelled and 21,796 are either graded or oil treated.

Motor Vehicle Registrations — 1991

	No.
Passenger Vehicles	1,468,324
Other	452,696
TOTAL	1,921,020

TOURISM

Tourism Receipts ($ Millions) (e)

	1985	1990(p)
Albertans	987	1,290
Other Canadians	595	695
U.S.A. Visitors	233	389
Overseas Visitors	85	209
TOTAL	1,900	2,590

Parks System — 1991

The five national parks in Alberta total 49,319 square kilometres, the largest area of any province in Canada.

	Sq. Km.
Banff	6,641
Elk Island	194
Jasper	10,878
Waterton Lakes	526
Wood Buffalo	31,080

There are also:

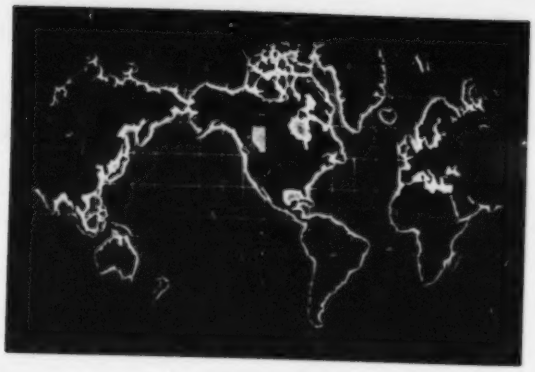
61 Provincial Parks	1,262
132 Provincial Recreation Areas*	152
12 Ecological Reserves	248
4 Wilderness Areas**	5,604
118 Natural Areas	356

*Includes 80 areas in Kananaskis

**Includes Willmore Wilderness Park

Passenger Counts for National Parks — 1990

	No.
Banff (East Gate)	5,2[illegible],079
Banff (David Thompson)	247,126
Elk Island	375,546
Jasper	2,403,465
Waterton Lakes	520,205
TOTAL	8,784,421



THE LAND

Alberta is situated between 49 and 60 degrees north latitude, and 110 and 120 degrees west longitude. Covering an area of 661,185 square kilometres, it is the fourth largest province in Canada. Land accounts for 97% of the area; the remainder is made up of several large bodies of water and numerous smaller lakes, rivers and streams. The general geographical areas are prairies, parkland (mixed forests and plains), forests and the mountain region.

Climate

The province is characterized by low humidity and considerable contrasts between areas and seasons. Average temperatures range from 15ºC to 20ºC in July and −8ºC to −26ºC in January. Average annual precipitation varies across the province, from about 300 to 1500 millimetres. Alberta receives a great number of sunny days in each season.

p - Preliminary
i - Intentions
e - Estimate
No. - Number

Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

NOTE: All data are current as of July, 1991.

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THE ECONOMY

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

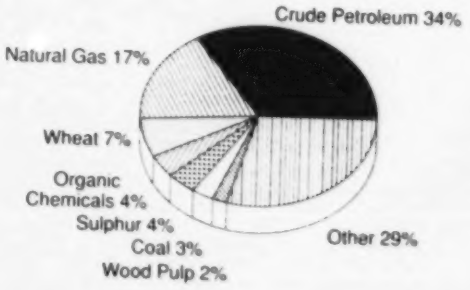
	1988	1989	1990(p)
At Market Prices:			
In Current Dollars	62,544	66,748	72,580
Annual Growth Rate (%)	6.4	6.7	8.7
In Constant (1986) Dollars	62,350	63,143	63,433
Annual Growth Rate (%)	8.3	1.3	0.5
By Industry At Factor Cost:			
Agriculture	2,651	2,314	2,217
Forestry & Related (1)	755	817	883
Mining	10,174	10,784	12,240
Manufacturing	4,562	4,774	5,011
Construction	3,520	3,947	4,537
Transportation	4,273	4,532	4,879
Utilities	2,301	2,476	2,540
Trade	6,189	6,764	7,040
Finance	11,441	12,390	13,337
Community, Business & Personal Services	11,951	13,093	14,161
Public Administration	3,363	3,576	3,889
GDP AT FACTOR COST	61,182	65,467	70,732

(1) Values for wood and paper & allied industries are included in Forestry rather than Manufacturing.

International Exports — 1990(p)

Alberta domestic exports were valued at $15.6 billion in 1990. The largest export markets were U.S.A., Japan, People's Republic of China, U.S.S.R., South Korea and Taiwan. These six nations accounted for 90% of Alberta's exports to other countries.

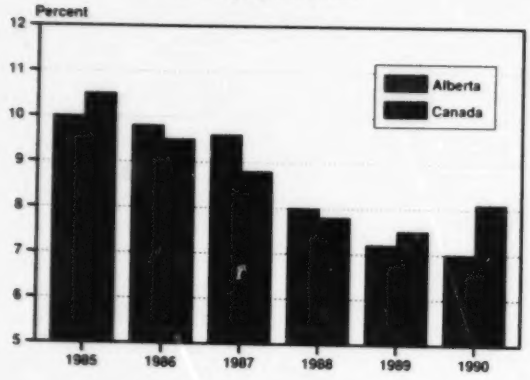
Distribution of Major Export Commodities — 1990



Labour Force Activity

	1985	1990
Labour Force ('000)	1,249	1,324
Employed ('000)	1,124	1,231
Unemployed ('000)	125	93
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.0	7.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.9	72.1
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	64.7	67.1

Unemployment Rate



Retail Sales

		Per Capita ($)	
	$ Millions	Alberta	Canada
1988	17,486	7,320	6,968
1989	18,771	7,738	7,171
1990	19,878	8,043	7,199

Retail Sales by Trade Group — 1990

	$ Millions	%
Automotive	7,295	36.7
Supermarkets & Grocery	3,975	20.0
General Merchandise	2,768	13.9
Clothing	985	5.0
Drugs & Patent Medicine	969	4.9
Other	3,886	19.5
TOTAL	19,878	100.0

Consumer Price Index (1986=100)

	1988	1989	1990
Alberta	106.8	111.3	117.7
Annual Change (%)	2.7	4.2	5.8
Canada	108.6	114.0	119.5
Annual Change (%)	4.0	5.0	4.8

Dwelling Starts, All Areas (No.)

	1988	1989	1990
Single-Detached	9,671	12,345	13,809
Other	1,689	2,367	3,418
TOTAL	11,360	14,712	17,227

Construction Work Purchased ($ Millions)

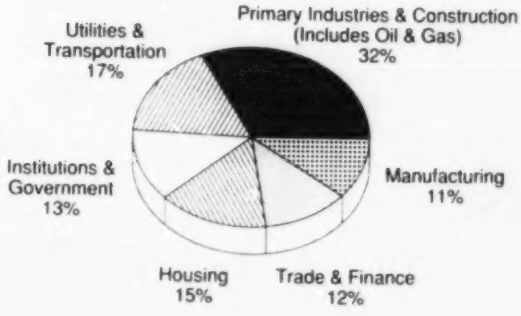
	1989	1990(p)	1991(i)
Building Construction	5,581	6,191	5,971
Engineering Construction	6,604	7,346	7,994
TOTAL	12,185	13,537	13,965

Private and Public Investment ($ Millions)

	1989	1990(p)	1991(i)
Capital Expenditures	15,408	16,999	17,905
Repair Expenditures	4,517	4,832	4,809
TOTAL	19,925	21,831	22,714

In 1990, Alberta accounted for over 12% of total investment in Canada. Alberta per capita investment was $8,833, higher than the national figure of $6,567.

Distribution of Investment by Industry — 1990


Primary Industries & Construction (Includes Oil & Gas) 32%
Utilities & Transportation 17%
Institutions & Government 13%
Manufacturing 11%
Housing 15%
Trade & Finance 12%

Personal Income

	1988	1989	1990(p)
Total Income ($ Millions)	47,333	50,811	55,171
Per Capita ($)	19,813	20,970	22,318

Farm Cash Receipts ($ Millions)

	1985	1990
Total Crops	1,544	1,605
Wheat (Including Durum Wheat)	563	618
Barley	199	226
Canola	343	340
Other	439	421
Total Livestock & Products	1,811	2,298
Cattle & Calves	1,181	1,558
Hogs	248	299
Dairy Products	216	251
Other	166	190
Total Direct Payments	476	318
TOTAL	3,830	4,221

Manufacturing Shipments ($ Millions)

	1985	1990
Food & Beverages	3,873	4,517
Refined Petroleum & Coal	5,102	3,608
Chemical Products	2,543	3,259
Fabricated Metal Products	781	1,037
Wood	556	930
Primary Metals	866	872
Printing & Publishing	569	771
Machinery*	756	706
Paper Products	462	702
Non-Metallic Minerals	523	623
Other	1,149	1,927
TOTAL	17,180	18,952

*Except Electrical Machinery

Mineral Production — 1990(p)

	$ Millions	%
Crude Petroleum	11,394	58.9
Natural Gas	4,716	24.4
Natural Gas By-Products	2,120	11.0
Coal	486	2.5
Sulphur (Elemental)	315	1.6
Sand & Gravel	131	0.7
Other	177	0.9
TOTAL	19,339	100.0